

INTRODUCTION

- * Knowing God – The Quest ... *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17: 3)*
- * We have considered The Existence and Exclusiveness of God, The Composition of God, The Natural Attributes of God, The Vocational Attributes of God, and our currently considering The Moral Attributes of God.
- * We have examined the Holiness of God, the Love of God, the Faithfulness of God, the Righteousness of God and the Goodness of God
- * Today, we will finish our consideration of the moral attributes of God by looking at another facet of the beauty of Who God is ... especially as it is expressed in His conduct and character ... His fervency!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE CONSIDERATION OF GOD'S FERVENCY

A. The Definition of God's Fervency ... The Fervency of God is expressed in a two-fold manner – God is both Jealous and Zealous

1. EXAMINATION OF THE WORDS

- * **זָקַן** (qana) to be zealous; jealousy; envy; covet * *To earnestly desire something/someone in a protective sense*
- * **ζηλόω** (zaelo-o) to be hot or fervent toward; zealous; jealous; envious; covetous * *Jealousy having a zeal to protect what is precious to you*

2. EXAMPLES OF THE WORD USAGE (Jealous: Joseph's brothers; Korah; Jewish leaders; Zealous: Phinehas; Elijah)

B. The Display of God's Fervency

1. THE FERVENCY OF GOD IS DISPLAYED IN HIS ZEAL ... For His Person, His Plan and His People
2. THE FERVENCY OF GOD IS DISPLAYED IN HIS JEALOUSY FOR HIS CHILDREN'S AFFECTIONS ... He will not share us with another!

II. THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S FERVENCY

A. The Consideration of God's Fervency Should Provoke Our Desire to _____ Him

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1. FOR HIS P _____ (cf. Prov 23:17; Numbers 25: 10-13)
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INTROSPECTION

☞ WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF YOUR FERVENCY?

Are you fervent for the things of man, or the things of God?

☞ ARE YOU JEALOUS REGARDING YOUR TIME WITH GOD?

What is it that can distract you from spending time with Him?

☞ 1 CORINTHIANS 10: 14-22 ... THE FERVENCY OF GOD AND COMMUNION!

I JOHN 5: 20-21 ...

... Take time to prepare your heart before God